

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 24-cr-80115-Middlebrooks/Matthewman

18 U.S.C. § 2251(d) & (e)

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) & (b)(1)

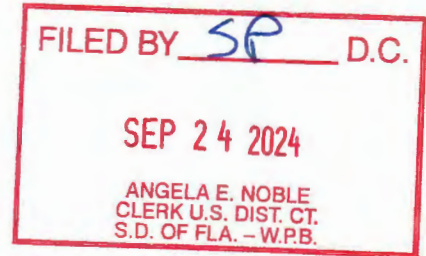
18 U.S.C. § 2253

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JAMES WILLIAM LATTA,

Defendant.



INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

18 U.S.C. § 2251(d) and (e)  
(Advertising Child Pornography)

On or about July 5, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

JAMES WILLIAM LATTA,

did knowingly make, print, and publish, and cause to be made, printed, and published, by means of an internet chat room whose common name is known to the Grand Jury and is referred to herein as "Chat Application A," any notice and advertisement seeking and offering to receive, exchange, produce, display, distribute, and reproduce any visual depiction, the production of such visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction was of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such notice and advertisement would be transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means including by

computer, and such notice and advertisement was transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means including by computer, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(d) and (e).

**COUNTS 2-4**  
**18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) & (b)(1)**

On or about the approximate date enumerated as to each count listed below, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**JAMES WILLIAM LATTA,**

did knowingly distribute child pornography, and material containing child pornography, using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and that had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8):

<b>Count</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>2</b>	August 26, 2024
<b>3</b>	August 28, 2024
<b>4</b>	August 29, 2024

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2) and (b)(1).

**FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant, **JAMES WILLIAM LATTA,** has an interest.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251 or 2252A, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a):

(a) Any visual depiction described in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 110;

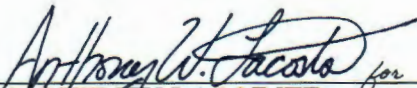
(b) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds which the defendant obtained from such offense; and

(c) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense, and any property traceable to such property.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a), and the procedures set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b).

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ANTHONY W. JACOTO  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

  
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GREGORY SCHILLER  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY



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Court Division (select one)

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**CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY****Superseding Case Information:**

New Defendant(s) (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of New Defendants \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of counts \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that:

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.
2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §3161.
3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) No  
List language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_
4. This case will take 5 days for the parties to try.
5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:  

(Check only one)	(Check only one)
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 to 5 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Petty
II <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor
III <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor
IV <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 60 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony
V <input type="checkbox"/> 61 days and over	
6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) No  
If yes, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No) Yes  
If yes, Magistrate Case No. 24mj8409-WM
8. Does this case relate to a previously filed matter in this District Court? (Yes or No) No  
If yes, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Defendant(s) in federal custody as of 9/1/2024 in EDTX; 9/17/2024 in SDFL
10. Defendant(s) in state custody as of \_\_\_\_\_
11. Rule 20 from the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) No
13. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard? (Yes or No) No
14. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss? (Yes or No) No
15. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Eduardo I. Sanchez during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on January 22, 2023? No
16. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Marta Fulgueira Elfenbein during her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on March 5, 2024? No

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gregory Schiller*

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FL Bar No. 0648477

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PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: JAMES WILLIAM LATTA

Case No: 24-cr-80115-Middlebrooks/Matthewman

Count #1:

Advertising Child Pornography

18 U.S.C. § 2251(d) and (e)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 30 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 15 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** Life (mandatory minimum term of 5 years)
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000 fine and a \$5,000 special assessment

Counts #2-4:

Distribution of Child Pornography

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) and (b)(1)

- \* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 20 years
- \* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** 5 years
- \* **Max. Supervised Release:** Life (mandatory minimum term of 5 years)
- \* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000 fine and a \$5,000 special assessment

\*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.